

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Agriculture		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets		1257	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/08/2009		
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No	7 U.S.C. 1421		
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
7 U.S.C. 1421	11/18/1990	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	17d. Total Meetings and Dates
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee makes recommendations on policies and programs which will enhance agricultural exports to emerging markets through the use of Emerging Markets Program authority. Specifically, Committee members review from a business perspective qualified proposals submitted to the Program for funding assistance, from both private and government sources. This review is done prior to obtaining policy level approval and funding commitments from the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). A total of \$10 million in emerging markets projects are developed, approved and funded each fiscal year.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee represents a cross-section of the agricultural industry, and also of geographic and ethnic diversity.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Frequency of meetings varies, depending upon the issues to be considered and the range and importance of activities under consideration by FAS at any given time. The Committee meets at least once and sometimes twice each fiscal year. Meetings always stimulate dialogue among the Committee members and FAS staff and are a prerequisite to a successful functioning of the Advisory Committee. There is also regular communication between Committee members and FAS staff between formal sessions of the Committee.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee is statutory. The Committee's review of and advice concerning activities under the Emerging Markets Program balances private sector perspectives with government views on proposed projects and activities, an important consideration since the Program encourages, indeed emphasizes the participation of private industry. The Committee represents a wide range of the U.S. agribusiness and farming industry, and members have knowledge of FAS programs and objectives and of the operation and goals of the Emerging Markets Program, an ingredient crucial to the Committee's purpose of assisting FAS to carry out its mission to emerging markets. Private sources without such specific exposure to and experience with the Program is of minimal use of the agency in developing strategies and determining priorities in emerging markets.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All Committee meetings have to date been open to the public.

21. Remarks

The committee continues to be administratively inactive. Future plans and/or activities towards the use of the Committee will be posted at this site.

Designated Federal Officer

Mark Slupek DFO

Narrative Description

The Committee reviews, from a business perspective, qualified proposals submitted to the Emerging Markets Program for funding assistance, principally from the private sector. This review is done prior to obtaining policy level approval and funding commitments from the agency. Committee reviews of proposals balance private sector perspectives with government views, an important consideration since the program emphasizes involvement by private industry. It also helps ensure that agency funding decisions can be made with a high level of confidence in the quality of that funding.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$100,000 - \$500,000
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

The cost savings are the result of proposals which the Committee recommends be rejected, therefore saving the agency a considerable sum of money, important in the face of scarce program resources.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

41

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee has been inactive due to an Agency-level review.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

73%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

For a variety of its own reasons not applicable to the Committee, the agency may implement all/most of the recommendations, but few times recommendations are not implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

There are sometimes a few proposals which were not funded in their entirety, those few being scaled back from their original level of requested funding (allowable under the program).

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Committee is notified by the Co-chairperson of the agency's funding decisions, specifically with regard to each of the proposals the Committee had recommended for funding.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated <u>Number</u> of grants reviewed for approval	35
What is the estimated <u>Number</u> of grants recommended for approval	0
What is the estimated <u>Dollar Value</u> of grants recommended for approval	\$3,500,000

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Agency Public Announcements (listing approved and funded proposals)